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1. [] Having missed Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Committee on Armed Services, yesterday, I called him and alerted him to the fact that the Director would be briefing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow. I told him this had been the result of Senator Fulbright's extremely favorable reaction to the Director's briefing of the combined CIA Subcommittees on Friday. I told Braswell that while the Director would cover the same topics he discussed in the Subcommittee meeting he would not include some of the more sensitive and sophisticated materials. Senator Stennis had apparently advised Mr. Braswell that the Director might be briefing the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Braswell said he wasn't happy about such an appearance by the Director but added that he saw no basis for the Director to refuse to make such an appearance. In this connection, he said that once it is known that the Director briefed the full Foreign Relations Committee he will probably be asked to brief the full Armed Services Committee.

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2. [] Charles Kirbow, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called and referred [] [] whom he thought might be of interest to us as an employment candidate. Arrangements were made for [] to be interviewed by [] Office of Personnel, on Friday at 11:00 a.m.

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25X1 5. [] Received a call from Mr. Albert Christopher, Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, ACDA, concerning coordination of the response to the Thurmond NPT letter of 17 February. He noted in part that the Armed Services Committee is holding hearings related to NPT starting Thursday with DOD witnesses and with ACDA following on Friday or next week. He requested guidance on possible references to CIA participation on senior committees. I thanked Mr. Christopher for the call and told him I would be back in touch during the day tomorrow.

25X1 6. [] In response to a request directed to the office of Representative John C. Culver, delivered copies of certain Executive Orders relating to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board and the Agency professional brochure for his use in responding to []

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25X1 8. [] Mr. Houston and I spent an hour and a quarter with Senator Sam J. Ervin and Mr. Rufus Edmisten, Counsel of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, and Miss Marcia MacNaughton, Professional Staff Member, pointing out the problems which the present version of the Ervin bill (S. 782) would pose for us. Senator Ervin appeared unimpressed. See Memo for the Record for details.

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9. [] Met with William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and advised him that following the Director's briefing of the combined CIA Subcommittees on Friday, Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called on behalf of Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) and asked that the Director brief the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the subjects covered at the CIA Subcommittees' briefing. I told Woodruff that the Director would cover the same material eliminating some of the more sensitive and sophisticated information and visual aids. Woodruff was not happy at this prospect but thought the Director had no choice but to respond to Senator Fulbright's request. He added that he was sure that the Director would be quizzed extensively on the ABM issue.

I advised Woodruff that the Agency was looking into the feasibility of establishing within the Agency a variable annuity investment plan similar to that established by the TVA. I emphasized to Woodruff that this was in the investigatory stage and that should we seriously consider such a plan it would be fully discussed with our Subcommittees in advance. Woodruff appreciated my advising him of this and expressed no objection.

Mr. Woodruff informed me that Senator Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.) had been quite impressed with a book of unclassified page-size maps which we had provided Woodruff some months ago and Woodruff asked if additional copies could be made for Senators Russell and Young and Ed Braswell, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff. The Map Library is working on this.

Woodruff was aware of the fact that the Director had briefed the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on threshold countries and the Non-Proliferation Treaty and asked if the text of the Director's statement to the JCAE could be made available for his study. He would also like to review the text of the Director's briefing statement to the combined CIA Subcommittees last week. He said he would like to do this this Friday.

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Director took this to Senator
Stennis.



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CIA RETIREMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

STAT The CIA Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees (P.L. 88-643) covers about percent of Agency staff personnel (the remainder are subject to Civil Service retirement). It provides a basis for retirement before completing a full-term career of 30 or so years of service.

The CIA Retirement Act is serving the purpose for which it was designed, but in order to continue to do so it must maintain its viability in light of improvements made by other federal staff retirement systems.

During the 89th Congress a number of amendments to the CIA Retirement Act, similar to improvements approved by the 89th Congress for the Civil Service system, passed the House but were not acted upon by the Senate. Similar amendments were introduced in the 90th Congress, but ultimately only the most urgent (change in cost-of-living adjustment formula) was approved (P.L. 90-539).

The attached chart lists the purpose of 14 amendments to the CIA Retirement Act we would like to propose to the 91st Congress. Most are carryovers of amendments approved by the House in the 89th Congress and introduced in the 90th Congress. Those dealing with increased benefits are based upon statutory precedent and seem to be fully justified for the CIA retirement system.

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The most urgent new proposal is to change the present limitation in the law which restricts the number of retirements to from 1 July 1969 to 30 June 1974. Under present planning this number will be exceeded at about midpoint and unless we get relief we will have to change our present personnel retirement planning.

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